

## Growing needs



The US 51/WIS 29 corridor goes through one of the state's fastest growing metropolitan areas. Daily traffic on this highway segment averages 62,000 vehicles,

including interstate, cross-state and local motorists. This average will more than double by 2030, with volume similar to what is traveled today on I-94 between Milwaukee and Kenosha.

## More room to go

To meet growing needs, this busy seven-mile segment of US 51/WIS 29 will be improved to six-lanes in some areas, and interchanges will be reconstructed to improve efficiency and safety. Ensuring efficient traffic flow along this popular route is essential to support the continued economic growth of our state and the communities located along the US 51/WIS 29 corridor.

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## Q&A and travel tips.

Will I need to avoid driving through the Wausau area on my trips?

No. Two lanes will be open in each direction during construction. Travelers to and through the area may encounter delays due to construction. Please allow extra time during peak travel periods.

How will the construction work affect local traffic?

WisDOT encourages local motorists who normally would travel the US 51/WIS 29 corridor for short trips to consider using alternate local routes whenever possible. Car pooling to work and planning off-peak drive times will also help maintain traffic flow and avoid delays.

For information on project status and alternate routes, visit [www.5129wausau.com](http://www.5129wausau.com) or call 1-866-763-3646.

# Growing to keep you going in north central Wisconsin.





## Proposed schedule

To minimize delays, work will take place in stages at various locations within the seven mile area. The following schedule is subject to change.

### 2004-2005

Two lanes are expected to remain open on US 51 and WIS 29 in both directions during most travel times. Work on the County N interchange and US 51/WIS 29 from WIS 29 east interchange to the Robin Lane overpass may create occasional delays at peak travel periods. County N traffic destined for southbound US 51 will be detoured from fall 2004 to summer 2005. Robin Lane will be closed temporarily to traffic starting spring 2005. Bridge Street, east of US 51/WIS 29, will be closed for periods of time during 2004, but the interchange will remain open. By the end of 2005, alternate routes County R and County N are expected to be completed allowing local traffic to avoid most US 51/WIS 29 construction zones.

### 2006-2007

To minimize delays, local traffic should take alternate routes as work progresses from Fox Glove Road to County N and from Robin Lane to Bridge Street. The improvements to the WIS 29 east and County NN interchanges are scheduled for completion. Improvements to the WIS 29 west and Bridge Street interchanges are scheduled to begin. Expect delays during peak travel times on County NN, WIS 52/Stewart Avenue and 28th Avenue as construction takes place in those areas. The Bridge Street interchange will be closed to traffic starting fall 2006 through fall 2007.

### 2008-2012

US 51/WIS 29 from Robin Lane to WIS 52 will be completed during this time period as will the WIS 29 west interchange. Northbound and southbound traffic on US 51/WIS 29 should experience minimal delays after 2009 when most work on that segment is expected to be completed. Motorists can expect some delays during peak travel times when the Sherman Street interchange is being constructed.

When completed, the improvements to US 51/WIS 29 will provide:

- Increased safety
- Reduced congestion
- Shorter travel times
- Easier access to local communities
- Efficient north-south routes
- Less waiting at signals

